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Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN (RET) Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The date for commissioning of John Hancock (DD 981) is rapidly approaching. The ship is making remarkable progress and has performed well at sea during Builder's Trials on 15-16 December, a mini-trial on 8 January, and most recently the acceptance trial on 15-16 January. I think you will see a vast difference since your last visit to the ship.

The night before commissioning the ships officers and I will host a reception at Longfellow House in Pascagoula. We would be especially honored if Mrs. Turner and you could join us at 1900. Of course a formal invitation will follow later; however, I did want to extend this personal invitation, recognizing the need for advance warning in your busy schedule.

I will keep you advised of our progress and send you a Commissioning Program as soon as they come off the press.

Sincerely,

R. C. WILGENBUSCH